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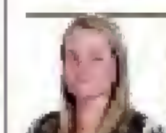


Grade 11 student Hayley Ellerman stands outside the Hawkwood Farm lands near her home in Arbour Lake.  
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## Calgary police to review policy on use of force

SCRUTINY

**Goal to reduce fatalities in police-involved incidents**



**Lucie Edwardson**  
 Metro | Calgary

The Calgary Police Service (CPS) has enlisted a retired chief justice to conduct an independent review into possible systemic issues related to officers' use of lethal force.

The review, announced Wednesday, will look at policies, procedures, practices, training, equipment and the overall culture within CPS in relation to the use of lethal force in conducting police work.

Last year there were 10 police-involved shootings in Calgary, five of which were fatal.

The goal is to make recommendations that could lead to zero fatalities in future police-

involved incidents.

Chief Justice Neil Wittmann, who retired from the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench earlier this year, will head the independent review.

He said the point is not to "assign blame on individuals or institutions" but rather to evaluate any ongoing practices and offer recommendations to make things better.

As part of the review, Wittmann has been asked to consult with experts, stakeholders and CPS members if necessary. He said he's already received a few emails from members who want to offer input.

Wittmann said he's also open to meeting with members of the public and families of those who have died as a result of CPS lethal force.

"The emphasis is to avoid situations where the use of force is necessary," he said, noting that sometimes it will be necessary.

The budget for the initiative, which is expected to last a year — or longer — is currently \$500,000.

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An epic 40 new dishes are hitting the Midway this year. We've rounded up the Top 5, and with the introduction of an unlimited-entry SuperPass, you'll have plenty of time to try everything. The Stampede blog recommends loosening your belt buckle.

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### Rain drop cake 2

This jiggly, translucent dessert took over the Internet last year and is ready for its Calgary debut. Bite into a piece of rain drop cake and it collapses into a refreshing drink of water. This version is served with roasted soybean flour and black sugar syrup.



### Rabbit pizza 3

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### 4 Deep-fried Jell-O

What hasn't Stampede put in the deep fryer? Jell-O was somehow absent from the list — until this year. Cubes of gelatinous dessert are covered in crispy batter and dusted with powdered icing sugar.



### 5 Crispy chicken feet on a stick

A delicacy in some parts of the world, chicken feet are getting a Stampede makeover this year — in the deep fryer. The image you have in your head is probably correct.



### 1 Unicorn white hot chocolate

Starbucks, eat your heart out. This unicorn-themed drink features creamy white hot chocolate, rainbow sprinkles, sour candies and a "ribbon rainbow tail blanketed with a fluffy cotton candy cloud," according to the Calgary Stampede's blog.



  
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## CRIME

## Robbery suspect nabbed

RCMP say the man arrested for the hit-and-run of a Polish scooter driver earlier this week was also wanted as a suspect in a number of armed robberies.

Police allege he was fleeing the scene of a robbery when the collision occurred.

Christopher Ferguson, 27, of Airdrie, Alta. is now facing 20 charges including robbery with an offensive weapon, assault with a weapon, failure to comply with probation conditions, impaired operation of a vehicle causing bodily harm, failing to remain at the scene of a collision, uttering threats and public mischief.

His first court appearance was scheduled for May 17 in Calgary provincial court. METRO STAFF

### IN BRIEF

#### Affordable housing units open in Crescent Heights

Work is now complete on the city's newest affordable housing development in Crescent Heights.

The three-storey, 16-unit property is located at 210, 15 Avenue NE. Two units are barrier-free and one was built to accommodate a visually impaired tenant. Rent will be set according to a mixed-income model, according to the city. METRO

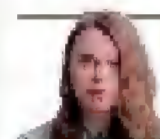
#### Correction

In a story from May 17, titled "Suburbs feel 'bait and switched,'" it indicated that the additional cost to build the Green Line out to McKenzie Towne would be between \$500 and \$550 million. That amount would actually allow the build out to Seton, according to the city. Metro regrets the error. METRO

# The Green Beltline debate motors on

## TRANSIT

## Association pushing for underground, city eyeing cost



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

Can't go over it, you can't go under it — oh no, you've got to go through it.

Continuing the Green Line underground into Victoria Park isn't financially viable according to the City of Calgary. But the Beltline Neighbourhood Association (BNA) is imploring that it be considered for the future planning opportunities for the area.

City spokeswoman Julie Yepishina-Geller said the city's not yet confident enough to go public with their cost estimates, but she said in general terms the city's targeting a \$500 to \$600 million dollar cost range for the Beltline to Inglewood and Ramsay Green Line Segment.

"The fully tunnelled option is not within that range based on our calculations to this point and there's a lot of factors that could influence this cost," Yepishina-Geller said.

She said land required and technical challenges related to a fully tunnelled option aren't known yet. Each of the four options on the table she said have challenges, and none of them are a silver bullet. Further, she noted there's no clear-cut consensus from stakeholders.

Peter Oliver, president of the BNA said given the potential of a new arena, Olympics and the \$500 million dollar expansion



A proposed route for the Green Line that goes through the Beltline. COURTESY CITY OF CALGARY

“There needs to be some hybrid solution here, and I know the city is working on that hybrid. Susan Veres

sion of the convention centre, he hopes the city can get the alignment right.

Once construction gets going, he thinks there may be some funding opportunities to be found to help get an underground station for Victoria Park and the Beltline.

"For the sake of recognizing that it is a good solution, at least it should be put there for evaluation," Oliver said. "They haven't made public the cost of all of the acquisition that's needed for their 10 Avenue alignment, and the potential loss of tax base."

The East Village is a master plan community of 49 acres, but

Victoria Park is another beast at 500 acres. Which is why Susan Veres said the Calgary Municipal Land Corporation brought in expertise to help them create an urban plan.

When they look at Victoria Park, what's clear is that traffic flows easily into the park, but not out and the fact that they have an LRT going into Victoria Park, at grade or underground, is opportunistic from a planning perspective.

But while it's desirable, Veres said the city has to be mindful of the cost of delivering the infrastructure without interrupting the rest of the Green Line, or

makes the "ineffective in its vision."

She said the vision of burying the line on 12 Avenue, and bringing it back up for Victoria Park, unless it's highly integrated in the community, may not work.

"It might render lands around the Green Line useless, and therefore undevelopable," Veres said. "There needs to be some hybrid solution here, and I know the city is working on that hybrid."

Veres said a lot of people, including some of CMLC's planners, have questions about the implications of not burying the line through Victoria Park.

"If we can all agree that we can live with those conditions in Victoria Park then great, but we need to have that conversation," Veres said. "The city is having that conversation."

## CARBON TAX

## Province changes rebates

Alberta is bringing in new rules to make amends to 4,400 families who lost a loved one and were ordered to pay back their carbon tax rebate.

"For a relatively small number of families, the program didn't work as it should have," Finance Minister Joe Ceci said Wednesday.

"These families received bluntly worded letters from the Canada Revenue Agency asking them to repay all or part of the rebate because the death of a loved one changed their eligibility."

"Grieving families should not face the indignity of a collection letter demanding the repayment of a benefit that is supposed to make their lives better."

Ceci made the changes in a tax statutes amendment bill introduced in the legislature Wednesday afternoon.

The province will no longer seek the return of rebates due to death. Those received the rebate on behalf of a loved one and paid it back will be reimbursed. All rebates will be dispatched quarterly. Some smaller amounts had been paid out in a lump sum.

The payouts are tied to a broad-based carbon tax the province introduced Jan. 1 which increased costs at gasoline pumps and on home heating bills. The tax is intended to pay for initiatives and programs to move Alberta to a more environmentally friendly economy.

There were stories of a collection demand on a cancer-stricken mom who used her \$180 carbon tax rebate to buy gifts for her kids before she died.

A senior whose wife died said he got a letter demanding he return the carbon tax rebate she had received.

The government says 1.2 million carbon levy repayments totalling \$150 million have been sent out so far this year.

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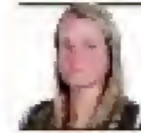


Chief Justice Neil Wittman will lead the Calgary Police Service use-of-force review. CONTRIBUTED

# Use-of-force review applauded by family

POLICE

## Officer fatally shot Anthony Heffernan four times in 2015



Lucie Edwardson  
Metro | Calgary

The family of a Calgary man who was shot and killed by a Calgary Police Service member in 2015 said they're pleased to hear that the force has launched a review into their use of force.

Patrick Heffernan's son, Anthony, 27, who was battling drug addictions was shot four times — three to the head and neck — after police were called to the Super 8 Motel on Barlow Trail in March of 2015 to reports of a customer who had failed to check out on time. The family is now suing CPS for wrongful death.

The CPS announced Wednesday that they'd initiated the review and hired retired Chief Justice Neil Wittman to lead it.

They expect it will take around a year and will look at policies, procedures, equipment and reviewing professional standards complaints and previous use-of-force situations.

The news of the review is welcome for the Heffernan family.

"It's good to hear that they're launching a review into their use of force and that someone who is outside of the Calgary police is looking into it," said Heffernan.

He said there simply has to be changes.

"Everyone in Calgary realizes that there are many shootings and deaths at the hands of the Calgary police and there has to be changes so this stops," said Heffernan. "In most of the cases police claim they fear for their lives, but in many of the situations — particularly when people are unarmed, as Anthony was — there are many other things that can be done."

Heffernan said it's not just

with shootings, but with the CPS' handling of confrontations in general.

Wittman said he'd be open to hearing from families affected by use of force, and Heffernan said his family will be reaching out to him to offer their input and perspective on the issue.

Mount Royal University justice professor Dr. Kelly Sundberg said this is an excellent first step.

"I do think it's needed and I know the justice will look at this from a very informed legal perspective," he said, adding that the justice department at MRU would be happy to lend him their expertise.

Sundberg said it's important to know that this is a first step that will lead to recommendations, and then the difficulty will be measuring the implementation of the recommendations.

He said he hopes there will be some mechanism where progress can be measured.



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# First Nations vow to stop pipeline by any means

## KEYSTONE XL

### Indigenous groups would use courts to block project

A coalition of Indigenous groups from Canada and the U.S. has signed a declaration against the Keystone XL pipeline, vowing to use the courts and whatever other means necessary to block the controversial project.

At a signing ceremony in Calgary Wednesday, leaders of the Blackfoot Confederacy and Great Sioux Nation representing tribes in both countries called for more dialogue and consultations on the project, which would run through their traditional lands.

"It's our responsibility to protect, and get involved, advocate and prevent this type of threat from crossing traditional Blackfoot lands," said Chief Stanley Charles Grier of the Piikani nation at the ceremony.

Chairman Brandon Sazue of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe in South Dakota said they hope to use the "right way" of opposing the pipeline, including the courts and negotiations, but as a last means he and others are prepared to protest like they

did against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Councilwoman Casey Camp-Horinek of the Ponca Nation of Oklahoma, who was arrested at the Dakota Access protests alongside Sazue, said she's also ready to protest again.

"We are hoping to find a peaceful resolution," said Camp-Horinek, "but all of us understand that if it's necessary for us to create a camp again, and to stand in opposition, we'll do that."

She said she's opposed to the pipeline because it and other resource extraction and development projects have threatened her people.

Earlier this year, U.S. President Donald Trump revived the pipeline proposed by TransCanada Corp. (TSX:TRP) when he granted it a presidential permit, reversing Barack Obama's rejection in 2015.

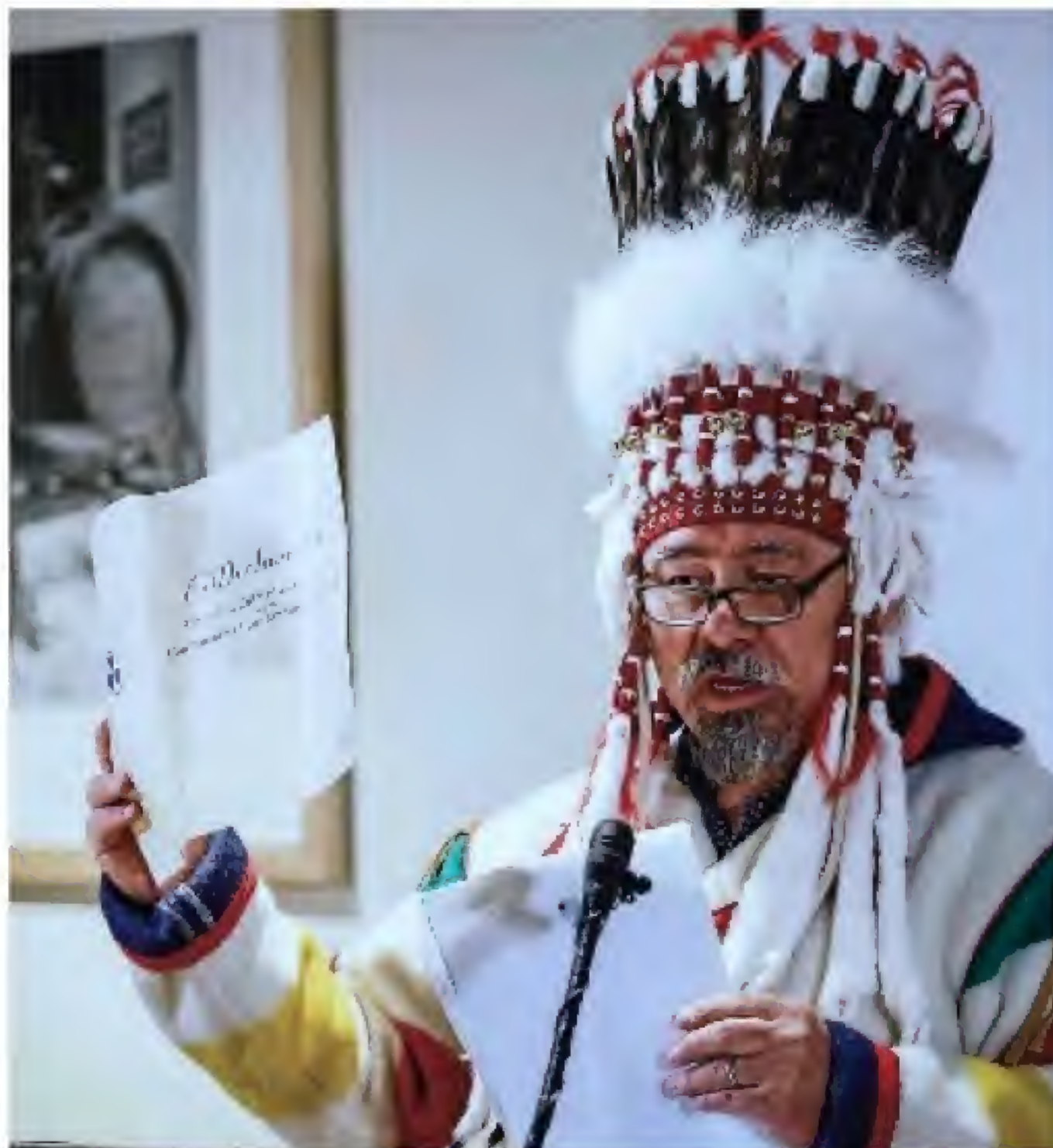
TransCanada maintains the \$8-billion US pipeline, set to run 1,900 kilometres between Hardisty, Alta., and Nebraska, will be environmentally safe, create jobs and boost the economy.

The project still requires regulatory approval in Nebraska, while environmental groups have challenged the U.S. federal approval in court.

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**"We are hoping to find a peaceful resolution."**

Casey Camp-Horinek



Chief Stanley Grier of the Piikani Nation of the Blackfoot Confederacy holds a declaration against the planned Keystone XL pipeline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## ONLINE PORTAL

### Health records delayed



**Elizabeth Cameron**  
For Metro | Calgary

Albertans are going to have to continue waiting for a highly anticipated online personal health record portal, the province said Wednesday.

The secure portal would give Albertans access to a three-month history of medications dispensed from a community pharmacy, results for over 50 common lab tests, and the option to track personal health information such as blood pressure.

It's the second phase in a larger online records project started by the former PC government and was originally supposed to be complete by 2012.

But five years past that deadline, the current government has stumbled into a new snag: the platform wasn't designed to be compatible with all mobile devices.

"We are focusing on getting the Personal Health Record compatible for mobile use, which it appears the former government failed to plan for when it launched this project in 2011," Health Minister Sarah Hoffman told Metro.

Her ministry previously hoped to launch the platform in spring or early summer 2017.

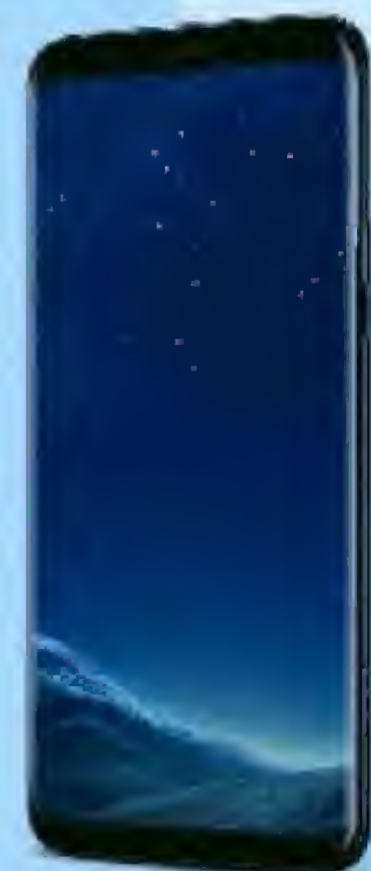
Alberta Health said it's currently seeking a vendor who can make the platform compatible with mobile devices and hopes it will be available "sometime" in the 2018/19 fiscal year.

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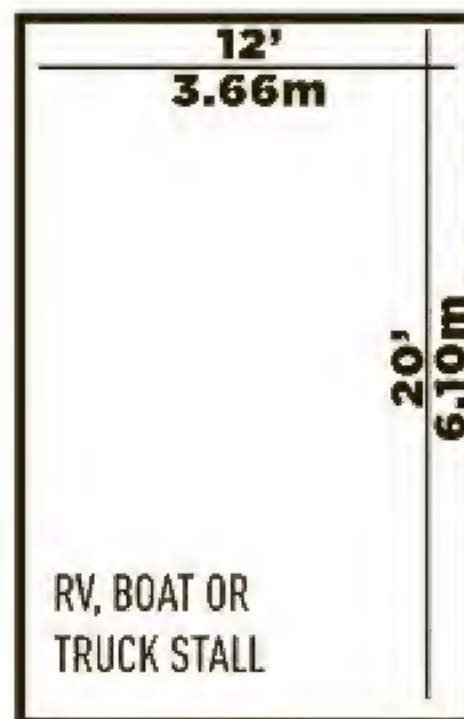
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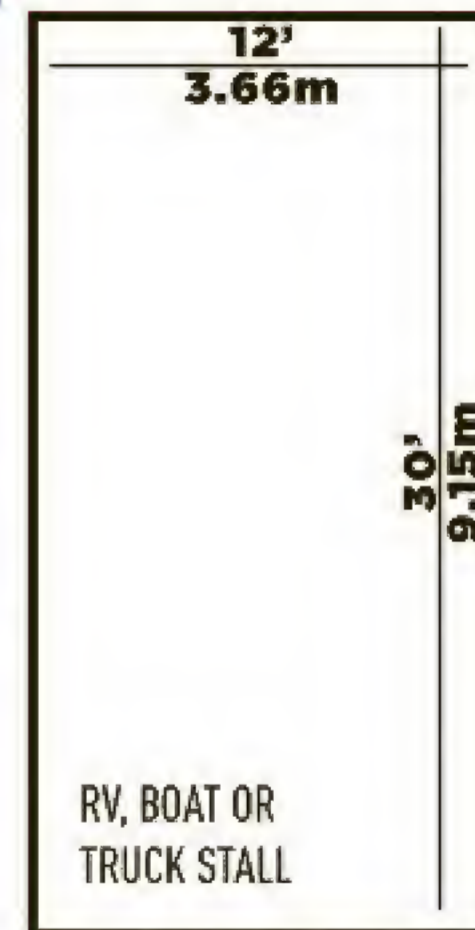


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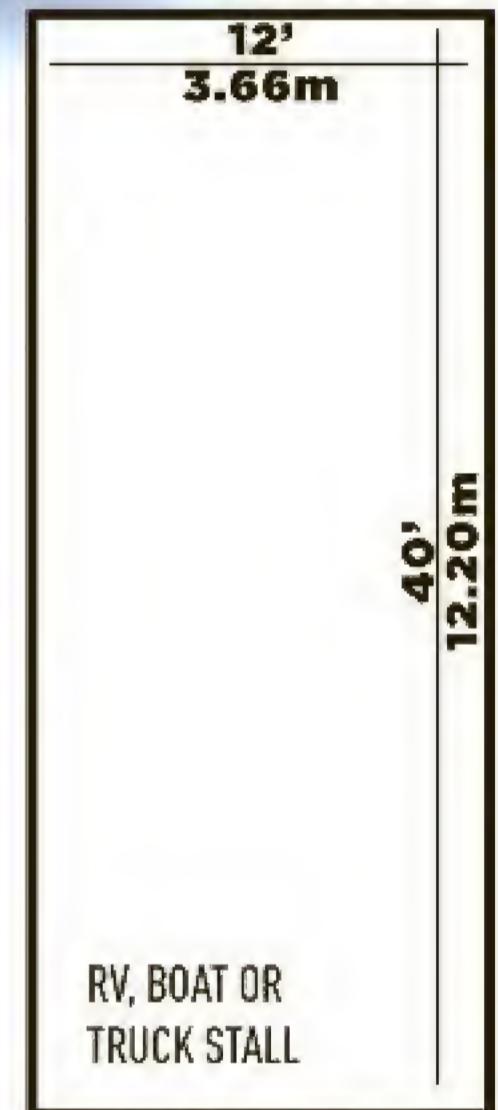
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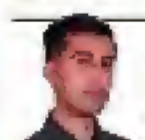


Former Denver Mayor Federico Pena, pictured here at the Democratic Convention, was in Calgary discussing ideas on how to thrive in an oil bust. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# What Alberta can learn from Denver

## OIL BUST

### Former mayor visits Calgary with recession proof advice



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

In the 1980s, the city of Denver, Colorado was weathering an oil bust, similar to how Alberta is now. Denver not only managed to survive the bust, but also become one of America's top five metropolitan economies.

Former Mayor of Denver, Federico Pena and the former CEO of Denver Economic Development, Tom Clark, stopped by Calgary this week to share a bit

about how they turned Denver around, in hopes Alberta can do something similar.

## DIVERSIFICATION

In 1983, things were pretty bad in Denver. There was a 31 per cent office vacancy rate and for the first time in Colorado's history, there were more people leaving than coming in.

People were frightened. Pena said they had talked about diversifying the economy for a long time, but that was when they finally brought the business community together to create a relationship with local government and non-profits to find a way to bolster every opportunity.

And they were willing to spend the money to make it happen.

"That was the beginning of

what became one of the most collaborative metropolitan regions in the country, and one of the most dynamic economies today," said Pena.

## FOUR STEPS

Pena said there are four steps to fixing the economy.

There needs to be a strategic plan that supports a broader vision, the city needs to bring every sector together under the strategic plan, work very hard to implement those ideas and strategies and finally realizing that you're not going to turn things around in a year or two.

"It's going to require continuous investment and commitment over a period of years," said Pena.

## THE ARTS

Usually, the arts are one of the first areas that gets cut when

trying to save money.

"The arts are kind of like a gun, you'd rather have it and not need it, than not have it," Clark said.

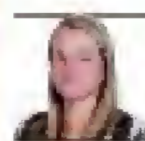
The arts are important to recruiting companies into your city. This means understanding all the things an employee might be interested in — and if you don't have a strong arts industry, you'll lose opportunities. Clark said it's just as important as having strong schools.

In Denver, there is a tax specifically designated to keep cultural amenities alive. The Denver Centre for the Performing Arts is now the second largest U.S. performing arts centre, next to New York.

"You can't have a great city unless you have great arts as part of it," Pena said.

## COURT

### Self-defence claimed prior to Shyback verdict



**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

Justice Rosemary Nation will deliver her verdict on Thursday that decides the fate of a Calgary man accused of strangling his common-law wife to death and burying her remains in a make-shift cement tomb in their basement.

Allan Shyback, 40, is charged with second-degree

murder and improperly interfering with human remains in the 2012 death of his common-law partner and mother of two, Lisa Mitchell.

A "Mr. Big" sting operation was launched in 2013, in which Shyback was befriended by a number of undercover police officers, and ultimately resulted in his 2014 confession and arrest.

Throughout the court proceedings Shyback claimed to

have been a victim of domestic abuse and that he killed Mitchell in self-defence.

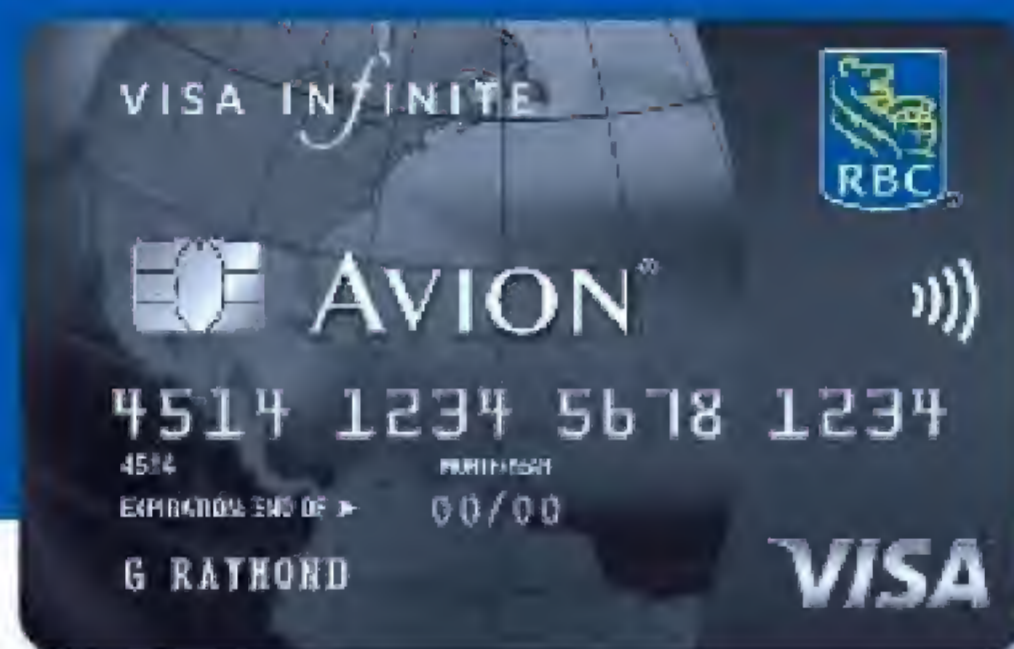
While the Crown claims Shyback's claims of abuse was a "spin," his lawyer, Balfour Der, called for his acquittal saying the Crown's arguments were baseless and even defied logic.

Shyback does not deny he's guilty of improperly interfering with human remains, and has expressed remorse for killing Mitchell.



**Lisa Mitchell's body** was found nearly two years after she was reported missing. cbs

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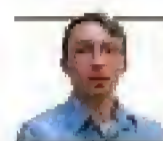
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# Teen speaks up to preserve farmland

## DEVELOPMENT

**43-acre area the potential site of nearly 900 units**



**Brodie Thomas**  
Metro | Calgary

All of her life, Hayley Ellerman has lived within site of the Hawkwood Farm in the northwest community of Arbour Lake.

"There's something cool about it," she said. "Having that piece of nature there."

Now the Grade 11 student is speaking out about the planned development of a 43-acre, privately owned parcel of land.

Ellerman hasn't been on the farmland because it has always been private property, but she walks her dog along the edge and enjoys seeing

the wildlife that thrives in the area.

She said the property has four ponds and wetlands, which are all home to a variety of wildlife. She's even seen a moose living there for a time about two years ago.

"They put signs on the fence outskirts saying not to approach it," she said.

Once she got wind of Hopewell Residential's plans to build on the site, Ellerman wrote to her ward councillor with concerns. She was told there isn't much she can do because it's private.

"I would hope that they don't develop all of it. The ideal thing would be not to develop any of it. But because it's private land, we can't really do a petition."

Scott Hamilton, director of marketing and communications with Hopewell Residential, said the company is still in the early stages of planning and gathering feedback from the community.

He said they held an open

house with the community in April, where they heard from people who are excited for the opportunity to perhaps downsize into a condo, but also from longtime residents who had concerns about the green space.

Hamilton noted that once it's developed, people from all parts of Arbour Lake will be able to access the developed park space.

"What we've proposed would try to accommodate as much community traffic as possible," he said. "This would be open to all of Arbour Lake."

Hopewell's current plans involve four acres of green space throughout the development.

Hamilton said they're actively making changes to the plan based on what they heard at the open house.

"At this moment, nothing is approved. Nothing is final, per se. It's really just in the process working with the community, working with the city for a plan that works for everyone," he said.



Hayley Ellerman stands outside of the Hawkwood Farm lands near her Arbour Lake home. She thinks the land is worth preserving, but Hopewell Residential has plans to build there.

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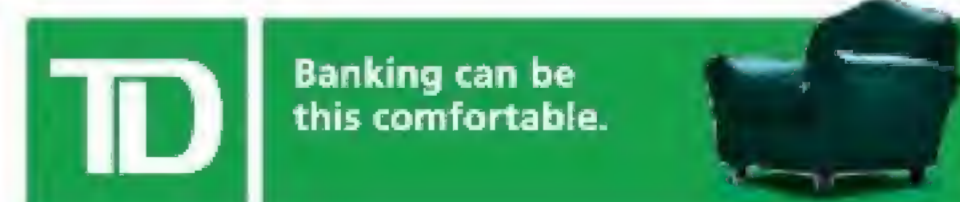
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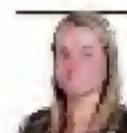
Jen Magnus resigned from the Calgary Police Service citing bullying and harassment.

ELIZABETH CAMERON/FOR METRO

## Audit: RCMP can't police themselves

### REPORT

### Mounties, CPS and EPS fail to deal with harassment



Lucie  
Edwardson  
Metro | Calgary

Former Calgary Police Service (CPS) members say they believe a scathing report on the RCMP's decades of failure to deal with workplace bullying and harassment is synonymous with CPS and other police forces across the country.

On Monday, the RCMP watchdog agency, the Civilian Review and Complaints Commission (CRCC), released the results of its in-depth audit of the force's policies and practices and concluded the Mounties are incapable of policing themselves.

Former CPS officers Marlene Hope and Jen Magnus — who are advocates for victims of bullying and harassment within CPS — said when they saw the results of the audit their first impression was the CPS could benefit a lot from using the findings and recommendations from that report.

"You could take the report and replace RCMP with CPS or EPS (Edmonton Police Service) or Lethbridge — and the parallels exist," said Hope.

The report calls for greater civilian expertise in the RCMP's leadership structure and coincides with a move to organizers of a union drive to press for some kind of joint management board.

The women said more civilian expertise is something CPS would also benefit from.

"We think CPS is ultimately a business," said Hope. "Police are hired to police and shouldn't — because they don't have the skill or training necessary — run the

corporation."

Magnus, who abruptly resigned from the CPS at a public police commission meeting, said they need independent civilian experts brought in to conduct research, run human resources and "run the business."

They said CPS is currently lacking independence and objectivity and needs to build trust, and that these people need to have power.

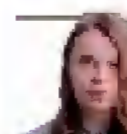
"It needs to be so that when they take recommendations to the executive they can't just shut them down — because they don't know how to implement change," said Magnus. "There needs to be someone to oversee these changes."

Hope and Magnus said they saw many parallels in the report, including a culture of fear, which they say makes the problem seem smaller than it really is because people are afraid of coming forward with their experiences.

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### TECHNOLOGY

## City closer to goal of being autonomous vehicle leader



Helen  
Pike  
Metro | Calgary

While technology is moving fast, the city's not ready to ditch the LRT and go full autonomous — but they are one step closer to testing it out.

On Wednesday, councillors heard an exciting report about the future of transit in Calgary. The high-level briefing talked about the impli-

cations of electric cars, connected vehicles, hyperloops, drone delivery and of course autonomous vehicles.

The city's goal is to become a leader in autonomous vehicle testing, which is why administration suggested a low-speed autonomous vehicle pilot. The city's also hoping to participate in the Government of Canada's Smart Cities Challenge which is a pool of \$300 million in funding for city-building in-

novation.

"We have to start developing policy environments," said Coun. Gian-Carlo Carra.

He said in a lot of scenarios with autonomous vehicles there's nightmare scenarios and beautiful scenarios.

Councillors approved the report for information, and council will ultimately decide if an autonomous transit pilot between Telus Spark and the Zoo is a go.



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## 'Communal conversation'

LGBTQ

### Fairy Tales Film Festival returns for another year



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

There's a little magic in the air — the annual Fairy Tales Queer Film Festival is back for its 19th year in Calgary.

The annual festival addresses a growing need to tell LGBTQ stories, and link the community with other Calgarians.

"LGBTQ people are still lacking in appropriate film representation that tells their stories in a significant way," said James Demers, festival executive director.

"Fairy Tales can bring diverse points of view within the community together so we can have a communal conversation about it."

He added it's great exposure for the general community who are seeking allyship, or want to learn more about the community.

"The easiest way, and most human way we've done that throughout time, is to listen to each others' stories," he said.

With a ton of programming this year, Demers offered a few must-see recommendations.

**TWO HARD THINGS,  
TWO SOFT THINGS**

This film covers the creation

of one of the first Pride events in Nunavut, exploring how colonization and religion shamed and erased traditional Inuit beliefs about sexuality and family structure.

Now a new generation is 'unshaming' their past.

**BOUND**

"I call it the film that made the Matrix," explained Demers.

Bound is the debut directorial feature by the Wachowski's, before they changed the sci-fi landscape with The Matrix.

A chance elevator encounter between Violet and Corky sets off a passionate love affair, and a plot to escape from the mob.

Bound is this year's Retro film at the festival, and will be shown on VHS at the theatre.

**QUEER PEOPLE  
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The social justice night will be centered around issues pertaining to queer people of colour. The night will feature a shorts package, feature film and a panel in partnership with YYCVoices.

**SPOKEN WORD**

A queer take on grown-ups reading things they wrote as kids.

"It's really fun, there's a bar in the theatre, and it's a great opportunity to hear people's stories in different ways," Demers said. "There's nothing more humbling than reading your childhood journals."

The Fairy Tales Film Festival takes place May 18 to 27. For more information, visit [www.fairytalesfilmfest.com](http://www.fairytalesfilmfest.com).

WILDLIFE

## Taxi driver rescues stuck ducklings



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

On Mother's Day, Checker Cab driver Zimary Rahad's instincts kicked in after he saw a frantic mother duck waddling by a storm drain.

She had waddled by the drain and some of her ducklings seemed to have fallen through the grate.

He pulled over immediately.

"I had time, five or six minutes before picking up my customer," Rahad said.

"I was trying to help them survive, finally another gentleman working in front of his garage, I called him to come help me lift the screen."

Luckily, the grate wasn't too heavy.

He said the mother came and the babies were safely pulled out of the drain — he even had time to film some of the rescue.

"She was just walking around the grate and looking for help," Rahad said.

Once all nine ducklings were safe and sound the mother went on her way, and he watched to make sure they were OK.

In his 13 years of driving, he hasn't helped these kinds of passengers before — and in the end, the family didn't need a ride. But his



The duck had her babies  
SCREENSHOT

own fare? He got there on time.

"I was so excited to help them, happy to help them survive," Rahad said.

"They were so cute, I was so excited. Safely we pulled them out."

The video was a hit at the Checker office, and eventually a video was posted online — it has more than 1,000 views so far and his company is calling him a hero.

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INFRASTRUCTURE

## Bank may avoid risky projects: Sohi

The government's new agency for financing major construction projects might take a pass on proposals that pose too great a risk for taxpayers when they're asked to make a private sector idea a reality, the infrastructure minister says.

Amarjeet Sohi said the key test for the so-called infrastructure bank, which combines public and private funding for major projects, will be whether it is financially viable in the long run to provide the necessary returns to public and private investors.

The government will be taking on financial risk regardless of what projects go ahead, but only on its portion of the funding, not the entire cost of the project, Sohi said in an interview Wednesday with The Canadian Press.

The Liberal government has been parrying opposition questions about the agency and just how much public money will

be on the line for transport, energy, and transit projects that could cross municipal, provincial and international borders.

"That is the review that the bank will do: is it too risky for the government to get involved? Maybe the government will not get involved," Sohi said.

The Liberals see the bank as a way to use public dollars to leverage private funding for projects that are either too expensive or too risky for Ottawa or the private sector to go it alone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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The government plans to fund the bank with \$15 billion in cash from its long-term infrastructure plan and a further \$20 billion in financing.

IMMIGRATION

## Refugee reforms score failing grade

Five years after Ottawa rolled out controversial reforms to build a "faster and fairer" asylum system, also meant to boot out failed refugees quickly, the verdict is in.

Despite the highly touted changes made by the former Conservative government in 2012, the revamped refugee system has failed to hear claims within tight statutory processing timelines or get rid of the backlog, reports a new study released by the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies.

"The aim of the Balanced Refugee Reform Act and the Protecting Canada's Immigration System Act was to make the system faster, fairer and more cost effective," said Ryerson University criminology professor Idil Atak, who co-wrote the review

with colleague Graham Hudson at Ryerson and University of Ottawa professor Delphine Nakache. "But the new system is not faster. It is not fairer. It is not more cost-effective."

For most asylum claimants, refugee hearings are supposed to be held no later than 60 days after the claim is referred to the Immigration and Refugee Board, while those from the government-designated list of "safe" countries will be heard as quickly as within 30 days.

Despite the drop in the volume of asylum claims by half over the course of one year, from 20,427 in 2012 to 10,322 in 2013, only 55 per cent of the safe-country claims met the 30-day target, compared to seven out of 10 claims from non-safe countries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



An RCMP officer helps asylum seekers cross the border from New York in March in Hemmingford, Que. THE CANADIAN PRESS

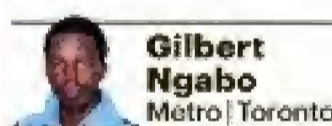


Lenard Monkman said the award would encourage more young Indigenous writers to come forward. CONTRIBUTED

# Indigenous writers put in the spotlight

EQUALITY

## 'Most positive outcome' from appropriation controversy



**Gilbert Ngabo**  
Metro | Toronto

When he co-founded the Red Rising Magazine, community organizer and Indigenous journalist Lenard Monkman wanted to offer a platform for an accurate reflection of the First Nations communities.

"For far too long our voices have been misappropriated, and our stories have been told from a deficit point of view," he said. "We have a beautiful culture and beautiful ceremon-

### + STEPPING DOWN

■ A number of journalism organizations, including the Canadian Journalism Foundation, offer fellowships to Indigenous youth pursuing writing careers.

■ In wake of "Appropriation

Prize" controversy, Canadian media editors have resigned or been reassigned, including Write's Hal Niedzwiecki, Walrus' Jonathan Kay and CBC The National's Steve Ladurantaye.

ies but all you hear is negative stuff in the media."

An effort currently underway in Toronto to create a literary award recognizing Indigenous voices sounded like music to his ears.

Lawyer Robin Parker launched an online fundraising campaign this week with the goal of supporting upcoming Indigenous writers. It was partly a response to the ongoing debate over cultural appropri-

ation — which was sparked by an editorial in Write magazine that advocated for the creation of the "appropriation prize."

In just over two days, Parker's campaign has raised over \$30,000, beyond her initial goal of \$10,000. She says she's reaching out to Indigenous organizations across the country so they can be the ones who manage the award.

"That would be extremely important in encouraging young

Indigenous writers to continue to tell our own stories," said Monkman, who will moderate a panel discussion on Indigenous Voices Rising next month at the Toronto Reference Library.

Journalists for Human Rights executive director Rachel Pulfer called the award initiative the "most positive outcome" from the appropriation controversy.

The group works with Indigenous youth across Canada to support emerging journalists, and such an award is one of their priorities for the next three years.

"It's absolutely crucial that we turn the page from this conversation on a theft prize and bring it into celebrating Indigenous voices," she said, noting the group would be keen to join forces with the new campaign.

"This is a very important piece of the puzzle."

WINNIPEG

## Charges laid in woman's killing

Police have charged three men in the killing of a cousin of Tina Fontaine, a teenager whose death fuelled calls for a national inquiry into missing and murdered Indigenous women.

Police in Winnipeg say Jeanenne Chantel Fontaine, 29, was shot in March before the home she was in was set on fire.

She was later taken off life-support.

Const. Jay Murray said police believe the suspects went to the home looking for a man over a methamphetamine deal. Fontaine was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"She was not the intended victim in this matter," Murray said at a news conference Wednesday.

"These individuals came to the house looking for someone else. I want to make that clear."

Malcolm Miles Mitchell is charged with second-degree murder and arson.

Jason Michael Meilleur is charged with manslaughter and Christopher Mathew Brass faces counts of manslaughter and arson.

Brass is also charged with second-degree murder in the death of a man who was shot in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# Special counsel appointed

## POLITICS

## President faces heightened pressure

Besieged from all sides, the Trump administration appointed former FBI director Robert Mueller as a special counsel to oversee the federal investigation into allegations Russia and Donald Trump's campaign collaborated to influence the 2016 presidential election.

The appointment came as Democrats insisted ever more loudly that someone outside Trump's Justice Department must handle the politically charged investigation. An increasing number of Republicans, too, have joined in calling for Congress to dig deeper, especially after Trump fired FBI director James Comey who had

been leading the bureau's probe.

Earlier Wednesday, Trump complained in a commencement address that "no politician in history" has been treated worse by his foes, even as exasperated fellow Republicans slowly joined the clamour for a significant investigation into whether he tried to quash the FBI's probe.

Three congressional committees, all led by Republicans, confirmed they wanted to hear from Comey, whose notes about a February meeting with the president indicate Trump urged him to drop the bureau's investigation of fired National Security adviser Michael Flynn. Congressional investigators are seeking Comey's memos, as well as documents from the Justice Department related to the firing.

Many Democrats also were calling for an independent spe-

cial counsel, or prosecutor.

The political storm, coupled with the still-potent fallout from Trump's recent disclosure of classified information to Russian diplomats, overshadowed all else in the capital and beyond.

Republicans, frustrated by the president's parade of problems, sought to cool the heated climate with assurances they would get to the bottom of scandals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## MARKETS

The growing political drama in Washington rattled Wall Street Wednesday, knocking the Dow Jones industrial average down more than 370 points and giving the stock market its biggest single-day slump in eight months.



In this photo from Sept. 4, 2013, then-incoming FBI director James Comey talks with outgoing FBI director Robert Mueller before Comey was officially sworn in at the Justice Department in Washington. On Wednesday, the Justice Department said it is appointing Mueller as special counsel to oversee the investigation into Russian interference in the election. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## TRAVEL

## Talks end with no airplane laptop ban

Talks on a proposed U.S. ban on laptops and tablets in flights from Europe ended Wednesday with no ban — and a promise of more talks and better intelligence sharing.

For days now, European Union officials have been hoping for details on the threat that prompted the proposed ban — the same details that U.S. President Donald Trump discussed with Russian diplomats at the White House last week.

The airline industry came out against the proposal in a

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strongly worded letter that said it would cause a severe downturn in trans-Atlantic air travel and cost travellers more than a billion dollars in lost time.

On Wednesday, in a secure

room in Brussels, officials from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the European Union swapped information about threats involving air travel.

An official who followed the talks said the ban was "off the table" for now. He spoke on condition of anonymity to release details of the sensitive negotiations.

They also shared details about their aviation security standards and detection capabilities, and agreed to meet again

in Washington next week "to further assess shared risks and solutions for protecting airline passengers, whilst ensuring the smooth functioning of global air travel," according to a joint statement.

The White House has defended Trump's decision to share classified information involving an Islamic State group terror threat related to the use of laptops on aircraft with the Russian foreign minister and Russian ambassador.

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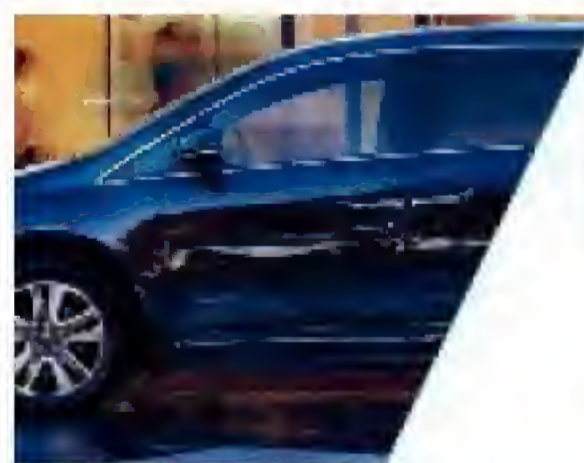
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## CHANTAL HÉBERT ON JAGMEET SINGH, CULTURE AND QUEBEC



**He doesn't need the province to take the party leadership. But the niqab episode of the 2015 election could cause worries that a leader whose religious identity is a distinguishing feature is a recipe for disaster.**

A betting person might wager that Jagmeet Singh — unless he stumbles badly and quickly out of the gate — could soon be the candidate to beat in the battle for Thomas Mulcair's succession.

With solid roots in the Ontario NDP — whose deputy leader he was until this week — and in multicultural Canada, Singh has the elements of a potential leadership juggernaut at his disposal.

The Sikh community is one of the most politically engaged in the country and Ontario offers the largest provincial pool of potential NDP supporters.

Singh has no federal experience but that did not prevent Alexa McDonough who had spent all her years in the Nova Scotia arena before moving on to Parliament Hill and Jack Layton who cut his teeth at Toronto City Hall from winning the leadership.

On a week when France has sworn in a 39-year-old president, it is hard to make a case that Singh, 38, is too young for the job of third party leader in the House of Commons.

He does not have much of a profile outside of Ontario and NDP circles. But then none of the four MPs who are already in the running is a national household name either. On that score, suffice it to say that there may have been more words written about Singh's leadership prospects before and since his entry in the NDP race than the sum of the

characters expanded on all the other candidates.

As opposed to the Liberals and the Conservatives, the New Democrats do not weight their leadership votes on a riding-per-riding basis. Under the party's winner-take-all one-member-one-vote formula, it

if Maxime Bernier wins the upcoming Conservative vote, competition among native sons and daughters will be fierce in 2019. Whoever succeeds Mulcair will not have as large a footprint in Quebec. The party will have an uphill battle on its hands in the

But that may amount to selling Quebecers short. Yes, the NDP took a hit in Quebec over the niqab issue but it was the scores of lapsed Liberal supporters who returned home that really pulled the rug from under Mulcair. Trudeau almost tripled the party's



**NEW VALUES** NDP hopeful Jagmeet Singh doesn't need overwhelming support from Quebec to win the leadership race, and it helps that he speaks excellent French, Chantal Hébert writes.

BLAIR GABLE/FOR TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

is easier to secure the leadership with little or no support from some regions, especially if one enjoys a lot of backing in Ontario and British Columbia. Those two provinces have tended to tower above the others on the NDP membership rolls.

This is a roundabout way to say that Singh would not need to win Quebec or even to do particularly well in that province to score a decisive leadership victory next fall. In the last election, the party was routed in Ontario and wiped off the map of Atlantic Canada. In the circumstances, more than a few New Democrats might rank recouping the lost ground in those regions above other considerations.

With two leaders from Quebec — Justin Trudeau and the Bloc Québécois' Martin Ouellet — and possibly a third

province under any leadership scenario.

Still, it took half-a-century for the NDP to establish a presence in Quebec. No one wants to see Jack Layton's parting gift to his party squandered.

All of which has many New Democrats — starting with the party's 16 Quebec MPs — quietly wondering how Quebec, given its strong pro-secular bent, would take to a turban-wearing Sikh NDP leader. It was not so long ago that the Parti Québécois was campaigning on a promise to impose a secular dress code on all public servants.

Based on the niqab episode of the 2015 election, there are those who would readily answer that going into the 2019 campaign in Quebec under a leader whose religious identity is a distinguishing feature could be a recipe for disaster.

## The Trump train is derailling. Loyalists, jump off now.



**Vinay Menon**  
Torstar News Service

There are many mysteries in the universe: The statues on Easter Island. The Unicorn Frappuccino. But the biggest mystery of all is how anyone with a working brain can still cheer for Donald Trump.

On Tuesday evening, as the words "obstruction of justice" and "impeachment" shot into the Washington air like firecrackers, Jeffrey Lord reprised his role as the president's chief toady on CNN to inform viewers: "We are once again in high-tech lynching mode."

There was a glint of forlorn defeat in his eyes, like a man who keeps trying to convince his adult children the tooth fairy is real. Lord decided to board the Make America Great Again Express a long time ago. Now that it has derailed, he's trapped inside the wreckage, blaming everyone except the conductor. And he's not alone.

At the midway point of Trump's worst week in office — and that's saying something — his travelling band of surrogates, liars, bootlickers, enablers, brown-nosers and excuse-makers are in quite a bind.

They can cling to fantasy or reality. Fantasy: Trump is a victim of anything other than gross incompetence. Reality: Trump is on the verge of implosion and they are destined to become collateral damage.

Instead of defending the indefensible, Lord might give some thought to escaping. What he can't do is expect things to get better. They are only going to get worse.

What more can Trump do to

make this clear? Twist off the heads of live kittens on national television? Invade Canada? Strip down and streak across Pennsylvania Avenue with the nuclear codes tattooed on his buttocks?

This week we learned Trump handles highly sensitive classified information the way a grade schooler treats a cooties secret. We learned he asked the FBI to stop investigating his inner circle, as if the FBI were a drywall contractor gouging the Trump Corporation in Manila.

We learned what we already knew: Trump is so unfit for public office, so incapable of not shooting himself in the foot while wearing his socks on his ears, the world would be better off if the Oval Office were occupied by a Talking Elmo glued atop a Roomba. There'd be much less danger and the floors would be clean.

It's one thing for Fox News, a longtime outpost for Republican talking points, to ignore, deflect or downplay the latest bombshells. Fox is the equivalent of North Korean state media. Any network that employs Lou Dobbs, Tucker Carlson and Sean Hannity — the axis of doofus — is not a network that is serious about reality.

But that still leaves a startling number of presumably decent people like Lord who have nothing to gain and everything to lose by continuing to shelter Trump from a crap storm of the president's making.

This week, Trump proved the Never Trumpers were always right. So the Trumpers Forever now have a choice: escape the mangled wreckage or perish inside.

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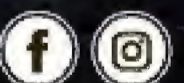
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# Will Smith defends Netflix

CANNES

## Palme d'Or jury is split on the merits of online films

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The war of big vs. small movie screens at the Cannes Film Festival heated up Wednesday as Palme d'Or jury president Pedro Almodovar declared that prizes shouldn't be given to online-only films.

"I personally would not conceive not only the Palme d'Or but any other prize being given to a film and then not being able to see this film on the large screen," the veteran Spanish filmmaker told an international press audience on the festival's opening day.

Calling it "the debate of this year," Almodovar was clearly referring to the two Netflix films among the 19 competing for the Palme: Bong Joon-ho's sci-fi fantasy *Okja*, starring Tilda Swinton and Jake Gyllenhaal; and Noah Baumbach's *The Meyerowitz Stories*, a dysfunctional-family drama starring Dustin Hoffman, Emma Thompson, Adam Sandler and Ben Stiller.

Online giant Netflix has caused a furor in Cannes for refusing to commit to a traditional theatrical release in France of the two films prior to online distribution. Cannes has fought back by saying Netflix, which is



Jury president Pedro Almodovar (left) with fellow jury members Jessica Chastain and Will Smith at the 70th international Cannes Film Festival Tuesday. AP PHOTO/ALASTAIR GRANT

in the Palme competition for the first time this year, won't be allowed into the 2018 festival unless it changes its policy.

Almodovar obviously sides with the festival, but his statement, read out in Spanish, English and French, was highly unusual given his leading role on the nine-member jury. The other jurors are Hollywood actors Will Smith and Jessica Chastain, German writer/director Maren Ade (*Toni Erdmann*); Chinese actress Fan Bingbing (*X-Men: Days of Future Past*); French actress/singer/filmmaker Agnès Jaoui (*The Taste of Others*); South Korean writer/

director Park Chan-wook (*Oldboy*); Italian writer/director Paolo Sorrentino (*The Great Beauty*); and French-Lebanese composer Gabriel Yared (*Xavier Dolan's It's Only the End of the World*).

Normally, the jurors and their president go out of their way at the start of Cannes to declare

their impartiality regarding the films they will be viewing and judging over the 12-day festival.

Almodovar obviously thinks the battle to preserve big-screen dominance is too important to ignore, even if it effectively suggest that *Okja* and *The Meyerowitz Stories* now have little

chance of winning the Palme at festival's end on May 28, no matter how much the jury may like them.

He said he's willing to "acknowledge (and) celebrate the new technologies and the possibilities that they offer to us," but he'll stop short of giving them prizes if they result in films destined only to appear on TV and computer screens.

"I do acknowledge them, but (as long) as I'm alive, I'll be fighting for one thing that I'm afraid the new generation is not aware of: the capacity of hypnosis of the large screen for the viewer."

**“ (My kids) go to the movies twice a week, and they watch Netflix. There's very little cross between going to the cinema and watching what they watch on Netflix. Will Smith**

Almodovar's attack on Netflix caused some discomfort for actor Smith, sitting near him. His new film *Bright*, a fantasy cop thriller co-starring Noomi Rapace, is scheduled for a Netflix-only release in December.

Smith rose to the defence of Netflix, saying he uses the service at home and his family also enjoy regular visits to movie theatres.

"I have a 16-year-old and an 18-year-old and a 24-year-old at home. They go to the movies twice a week, and they watch Netflix. There's very little cross between going to the cinema and watching what they watch on Netflix."

Netflix allows Smith's children to "watch films they otherwise wouldn't have seen. It has broadened my children's global cinematic comprehension."

Smith was an unusual pick for the Cannes jury, given his career as one of the world's biggest stars, which normally lands him in blockbusters like *Men in Black*, *Bad Boys* and *Suicide Squad* rather than artier fare.

He joked about how he's excited about being on the Cannes jury, and he intends to watch closely and learn from the experience.

Smith admitted, though, to being shocked when his agent told him he'd have to watch three films per day for the better part of two weeks, with screenings beginning as early as 8:30 a.m. each day.

"I was probably 14 years old the last time I watched three movies in a day," he said.

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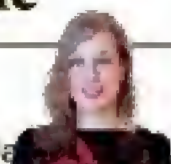


# Revealing all secrets of small-town life

## BOOKS

## Why Elizabeth Strout believes anything truly is possible

Sue Carter  
For Metro Canada



A funny thing happened years after Elizabeth Strout's linked-story collection *Olive Kitteridge* won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize. Strout discovered a group of women in Greenwich, Connecticut, were meeting every Monday to "talk their Oliveness out" at the local Starbucks in honour of her misanthropic protagonist, an outspoken retired small-town teacher who compulsively alienates everyone around her.

"They were very Greenwich in the sense that they were well-off and had their pearls in their ears," says Strout. "They were not even remotely my idea of someone who would appreciate Olive."

As *Olive Kitteridge* was being adapted into a multiple Emmy Award-winning HBO miniseries starring Frances McDormand,



Elizabeth Strout's Lucy Barton returns in her new collection *Anything Is Possible*. CONTRIBUTED

Strout was busy crafting another complex character. In *My Name is Lucy Barton*, a successful author reunites with her estranged mother and recalls horrific memories of her lonely poverty-stricken childhood.

Lucy returns in Strout's new linked story collection, *Anything is Possible*, and although

she only makes a brief physical appearance, her presence (and newly published memoir) still haunts many residents of the fictional Maine hometown.

Strout, who calls herself a "very messy worker," says her desk is always covered in pieces of paper, many of which became the genesis for *Anything*

is Possible.

She sketched out most of the stories while still writing *My Name is Lucy Barton*, realizing "I had these nuggets of information of these people."

Small-town life through Strout's vision of humanity — she is guided by a sense of intuition about her characters — in-

cludes closeted gay husbands, a Vietnam vet with PTSD, a wife who participates in her rich husband's assaults on other women and a poignant yet painful mother-daughter reunion.

"I never judge my characters when I'm writing about them," Strout says. "That's the fun part of my job, to not have judgement at all and just let them do whatever it they're going to do and be who they are."

Like many of her characters, Strout spent some of her childhood in a small Maine town, in a home connected to nearby relatives via a dirt road. Her parents didn't believe in frivolous entertainment like television, which meant Strout — who was a lawyer before turning to writing full-time — had to rely on her inner resources for amusement.

"I spent a great deal of time alone and there wasn't a lot of stimulation," she says. "I understood from a young age how to live in my head. I was also able to observe an awful lot and note a lot of details. I was always curious about what it felt like to be another person."

It's not as if Strout's charac-

ters are trapped in time, but they do reside outside of our cultural obsessions. They will never end up on Instagram seeking likes for their food pics, or modelling for selfies in bar washrooms. She writes passionately about those who are more concerned with just getting by in the world. "I'm just so interested in the most ordinary kind of person," Strout says. "Someone who is just living their lives. I'm so interested in the inner world — everybody has one."

Street speculates that her dedication to ordinary folk is perhaps why those turned-out Greenwich women with their fancy pearls created an *Olive Kitteridge* fan club. "If I can write something emotionally truthful for a character then I think there's a chance that will emotionally resonate with readers," Strout says.

"Their lives are not like the lives of the people I'm writing about, but if there's something emotionally truthful enough they can engage with that person on the page or even recognize something about themselves they had forgotten."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



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# Ashley Graham sizes up the fashion biz in memoir

INTERVIEW

## Seeing is believing in vision boards, role models

Ashley Graham may have curves, but she hates the term plus-size.

"Does any woman really just come in and say, 'I'm a plus-size woman'? Maybe as a defence mechanism or maybe as a way to kind of cope with fitting into society but ... I just think it's divisive. I think labelling and putting a name on women in certain categories because (of) a (size) number inside of their pants isn't really getting us any farther in life."

She made it into the mainstream when she appeared on the cover of the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit 2016 issue. That led to other opportunities, including the cover of Vogue magazine and a gig as a judge on America's Next Top Model.

Now she's written a memoir: *A New Model: What Confidence, Beauty & Power Really Look Like*.

She talked about her role models, achievements and critics in a recent interview.

**You're an advocate for healthy body acceptance. How is the fashion industry responding?**

The fashion industry is into it. I think what's really great is the fashion industry has really said, 'You know what, we're about inclusion right now.' We've had the waif era, now here we are in the inclusivity era and it's race, it's age, it's gender, it's size.

**You're known for your curves but you've been criticized when it appears that you've lost weight. What do you say to that?**

My weight is going to go up and down but, also, nobody can dictate what I'm doing. I'm a true size 14. I'm happy with my body, nobody has dic-

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**Here we are in the inclusivity era and it's race, it's age, it's gender, it's size.**

Ashley Graham

tatorship over who I am.

**You write about fashion and curvy girls and how hard it is to find great clothes in bigger sizes.**

I don't know who's making those clothes. I'm ready to come out with a line of clothes that's affordable, that's for all sizes. The beauty of being a curvier girl is that we're all shaped so differently. But it's sad because I really think there's a lot of designers who do go up to a size 22, 24 but buyers are not buying them because they don't think we're gonna come in and buy it. So, it's a vicious cycle, and I don't

know where it starts and stops ... all I know is I'm talking about it and there are some designers who have been very open. Prabal Gurung is one who put curvy girls on the runway. Christian Siriano and Michael Kors, too, so it's happening.

**You have a stylist and you know designers. Have any said they won't dress you?** I haven't experienced first-hand negative feelings of designers not dressing me because of my size, but if I did ... you'd hear about it.

**You're a believer in vision boards.**

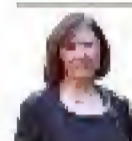
Vision boards are so important. If it's not even an actual vision board up in your room, then write down what you want. There's really something about getting it out and putting (it on) paper or a corkboard or whatever your thing is. I'm not a DIY girl whatsoever. It's really for me to be



Ashley Graham says no one can dictate who she is. GETTY IMAGES

able to see something before I go to bed and when I wake up in the morning to remember what I want, but also to say, you know what, let god's will be done and hopefully this

works out. I had Sports Illustrated on there, I had Vogue on there. It took me a couple years for the whole vision board to happen, but here we are. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



**JOHANNA SCHNELLER**  
**WHAT I'M WATCHING**

## Alas, poor Elise has the real problem

**THE SHOW:** *The Real Housewives of Toronto*, Season 1, Episode 7

**THE MOMENT:** Elise!

"You look very business professional," personal assistant Elise assures Real Housewife Roxy, her flamboyant boss, as they enter a "business meeting" with Somen Mondal, a pal of Roxy's rich hubbie.

Roxy has an idea for an app to allow women to shop each other's closets. "Because I never want to wear something more than once and I imagine the general public is the same," she says breezily. She has "entrepreneurship in my blood" — she just doesn't know what that entails.

Mondal advises, "Step one, build a pitch deck." Roxy's face goes blank. "Are you getting this, Elise?" she asks. Elise scribbles in a notebook.

Mondal suggests a funding plan. "Did you get that down, Elise?" Roxy asks.

"Traction," Mondal says. "Traction, Elise," Roxy parrots, understanding nothing.

Dear Millennial Elise, with your calm gaze and your pen, this is my ode to you. This



Toronto's Real Housewives are too polite. CONTRIBUTED

entire season had precisely one controversy: Joan got drunk, Kara gossiped about it. This just in: Canadians are polite.

But you, Elise, you are the one I wonder about. Do you have a BA from a worthy university mouldering in your bedside table drawer? Do you enjoy costuming your ostentatiously idle boss and then complimenting her, or was that "business professional" a secret slam?

I see you, Elise. You are seen.

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## Fish Creek connects community



FISH CREEK EXCHANGE

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### Project overview

Set on the southern edge of Fish Creek Provincial Park, Fish Creek Exchange is in an idyllic southwest Calgary location with an abundance of existing amenities and services. Fish Creek Exchange will provide a vibrant, active and connected lifestyle experience for residents, visitors and patrons alike.

### Housing amenities

This pet-friendly condo and townhome project features nine-foot ceilings, spacious walk-in closets, private patios and balconies, and underground heated parking. Recognized as the central community hub and gathering place for the community, Fish Creek Exchange offers residents quick access to urban amenities.

### Location and transit

A transit-oriented development, this urban style mixed-use site has connectivity to Calgary's LRT network providing ease of access to the downtown core. The community is conveniently located near Fish Creek Park and Fish Creek LRT, making it ideal for commuters.

### In the neighbourhood

Shawnee Park offers high-quality architectural design and inspired streetscapes, through a variety of home styles, a transit and pedestrian-friendly road network, retailers, restaurants and neighborhood parks and pathways including Fish Creek Park.

KRISTA SYLVESTER/FOR METRO

### + NEED TO KNOW

**What:** Fish Creek Exchange  
**Builder/developer:** Graywood Developments  
**Architect:** Norr Architects Calgary Division  
**Interior:** Designer's Edge  
**Location:** 99 Shawnee Common SW  
**Building:** Site 1 consists of two, five-storey wood frame buildings with 100 condo style units and 42 townhomes  
**Models:** One bed, one bath

and den; two bed, two bath and den  
**Sizes:** From 600 to 1,700 square feet  
**Pricing:** From the mid \$200,000's  
**Status:** Pre-construction  
**Sales centre:** Grand opening June 10th — register online  
**Phone:** (587) 481-3111  
**Email:** info@fishcreekexchange.ca  
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**Riviera on The Bow by DaVinci Homes:** With 31 apartment-style condominiums in Parkdale located by the river, this project is perfectly located next to nature but remains inner city. Visit the sales centre at 3320 Third Ave NW.

#### 2 NEW SALES CENTRE OPEN

**6th And Tenth By Lamb Development Corp.:** This 31-storey condo tower puts you right downtown with access to everything. For more information visit the new presentation centre located at 1010 Sixth St. SW.

#### 3 NOW SELLING

**Lusso by Hearthstone Ltd.:** This Bridgeland project features 20 luxury units on a hill above the community. One, two and three-bedroom suites with unobstructed views starting in the low \$400,000's. Visit the sales centre at 605 Seventh Ave. NE.

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# A new beginning for newcomers

## Financial program helps new Canadians build their future

For immigrants, foreign workers and international students new to Canada, one of the first priorities is getting on a firm financial footing.

Opening an account with a Canadian bank doesn't just address immediate needs — like building savings or establishing a credit rating — it also helps set long-term goals like buying a home or getting a business loan.

To help newcomers build a strong financial foundation in Canada, Scotiabank in 2008 launched its StartRight program. The goal of the program is “to help newcomers open the door to their new start in Canada,” says Munsif Sheraly, Director of Multicultural Banking at Scotiabank. The program functions as a one-stop shop that helps newcomers with various aspects of their life in Canada. “From setting up your bank account and managing your money to investing for your future,” says Sheraly, “Scotiabank offers the right solutions and advice.”

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— Munsif Sheraly

Because Scotiabank has partnerships with financial institutions around the world, StartRight lets new Canadians open an account even before they arrive in this country. Newcomers can open accounts online before arriving from 16 countries — including Chile, Columbia, India, the U.K. and more — and transfer money into that account so it's available when they arrive in Canada. Enrico, a StartRight participant, set up a Scotiabank account before he and his family left their native Philippines. “From there we could start building our credit rating,” he says. “And when we got to Canada we had a credit card — absent a job, income or credit history — within a week's time.”

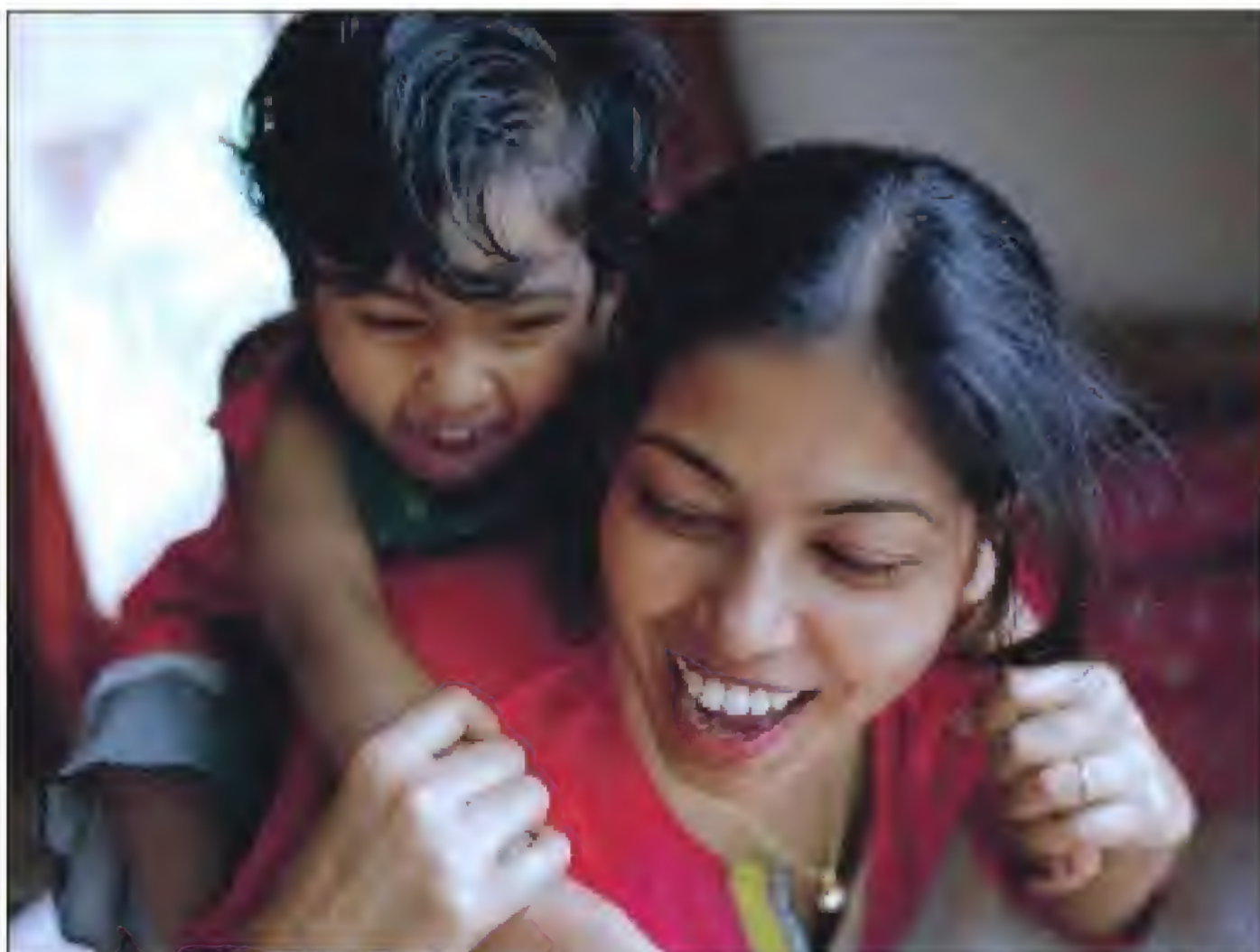
While every immigrant success story is unique, there are a few common factors



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when it comes to feeling financially settled in a new country. Intangible benefits, such as being able to speak to an advisor in your own language, can go a long way toward making newcomers feel comfortable in their adopted home. And because the StartRight program has been actively working with immigrant, foreign worker and international student communities for almost a decade, its advisors have a lot of experience serving newcomers and their unique needs.

Among the direct help StartRight offers: Newcomers who open an account through StartRight get \$300 in banking benefits. The program also offers specialty products — such as the StartRight mortgage program and the StartRight auto finance program. And its advisors work with various settlement agencies and local community groups to further help newcomers settle in. The Scotiabank StartRight program is available at any Scotiabank branch in Canada or by visiting [scotiabank.com/newtocanada](http://scotiabank.com/newtocanada).



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# Gisele: Tom had head injury in '16

**NFL**  
**Pats' QB's wife worries about long-term health of husband**

Tom Brady played through a concussion last year on his way to a fifth Super Bowl title, according to his wife, super-model Gisele Bundchen. The injury, which was not reported by the team, left her worried about how long he should continue to play football. Asked if she wanted the New England Patriots quarterback to retire, Bundchen expressed concern "as a wife" in an interview on CBS This Morning that aired Wednesday.

"He had a concussion last year. He has concussions pretty much every ...," she said, before cutting herself off. "I mean, we don't talk about it. But he does have concussions. I don't really think it's a healthy thing for anybody to go through."

Brady sat out the first four games of the season as punishment for his role in the "Deflategate" scandal and missed practice late in the season for leg, thigh and ankle injuries. But he was not listed on the league-required injury reports for a concussion or head injury at any point during the 2016 season.

**That kind of aggression all the time, that cannot be healthy for you. I'm planning on him being healthy and do a lot of fun things when we're like 100, I hope.**  
Gisele Bundchen

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## SKIING Alpine Canada names 2017-18 team

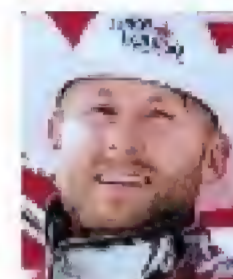
World champion Erik Guay and bronze medallist Manny Osborne-Paradis are the headliners of Canada's alpine ski team for next season.

Alpine Canada announced its World Cup alpine and ski cross teams for 2017-18 as well as its developmental squads Wednesday.

Guay of Mont-Tramblant, Que., won super-G gold and downhill silver at the world alpine championships in February while Vancouver's Osborne-Paradis took bronze in super-G.

Dustin Cook of Lac-Sainte-Marie, Que., a super-G silver medallist at the 2015 world championship, is on the World Cup team as are Calgary brothers Erik and Jeffrey Read, the sons of former national team skier Ken Read.

Marie-Michele Gagnon of



**Brady Leman**  
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Lac-Etchemin, Que., who was sixth at this year's world championship in the alpine combined event, leads a young women's alpine team into next season.

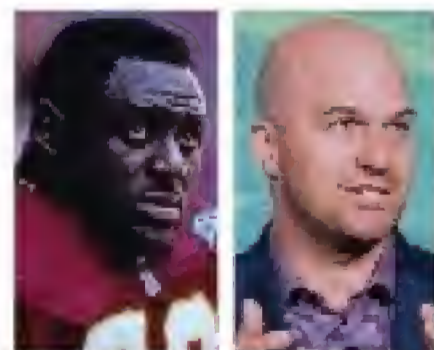
The ski cross team features reigning Olympic women's ski cross champion Marielle Thompson of Whistler, B.C., and Calgary's Brad Leman, who finished second overall in men's World Cup racing last season.

Canada's Olympic ski team will be named in January after the final qualifying races.

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## CONCUSSIONS

# Ex-players pledge brains to CTE research



**Leonard Marshall, left, and Matt Hasselbeck** GETTY IMAGES

Two more retired football stars have pledged their brains to research.

Two-time Super Bowl champion Leonard Marshall and three-time Pro Bowl selection Matt Hasselbeck say they will donate their brains to the Concussion Legacy Foundation for research into chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

The announcements were

made Wednesday as part of the second annual Brain Trust conference, which is hosted by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Marshall says he already has short-term memory loss and erratic behaviour. The former New York Giants defensive lineman is 55. Hasselbeck's father, Don, was a teammate of Marshall's on the

Giants and pledged his brain to the foundation in 2010.

More than 1,800 former athletes and military veterans have pledged to donate their brains to the Concussion Legacy Foundation for CTE research. The progressive degenerative brain disease has been linked to repeated head trauma

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## IN BRIEF

### Raonic reaches 3rd round with win over Haas in Rome

Canada's Milos Raonic advanced to the third round of the Italian Open with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Germany's Tommy Haas on Wednesday.

Raonic, from Thornhill, Ont., used his dominant serve to dispatch Haas in a little over an hour. Raonic lost only 13 service points while firing 10 aces past the 39-year-old veteran and saving both break points he faced.

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### More members flee FIFA

In a further blow to FIFA's image under president Gianni Infantino, two more respected members of its governance oversight panel have left following the removal of their chairman last week. Navi Pillay, the former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and corporate human rights expert Ron Popper, have resigned, FIFA said on Wednesday following the exit of lawyer and former government minister Miguel Maduro. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sens' offence ascends in Ottawa

The Ottawa Senators needed less than 13 minutes to put away Game 3 of the Eastern Conference final.

Ottawa got four goals past Marc-Andre Fleury in the first 12 minutes and 52 seconds — including the fastest three goals in team playoff history — and went on to top the Pittsburgh Penguins 5-1 Wednesday night at Canadian Tire Centre.

Kyle Turris, Derick Brassard, Mike Hoffman and Marc Methot each had a goal and an assist and Craig Anderson stopped 25 shots in the victory, which gives the Sens a 2-1 series edge with Game 4 ahead on Friday night.

## GAME 3 In Ottawa



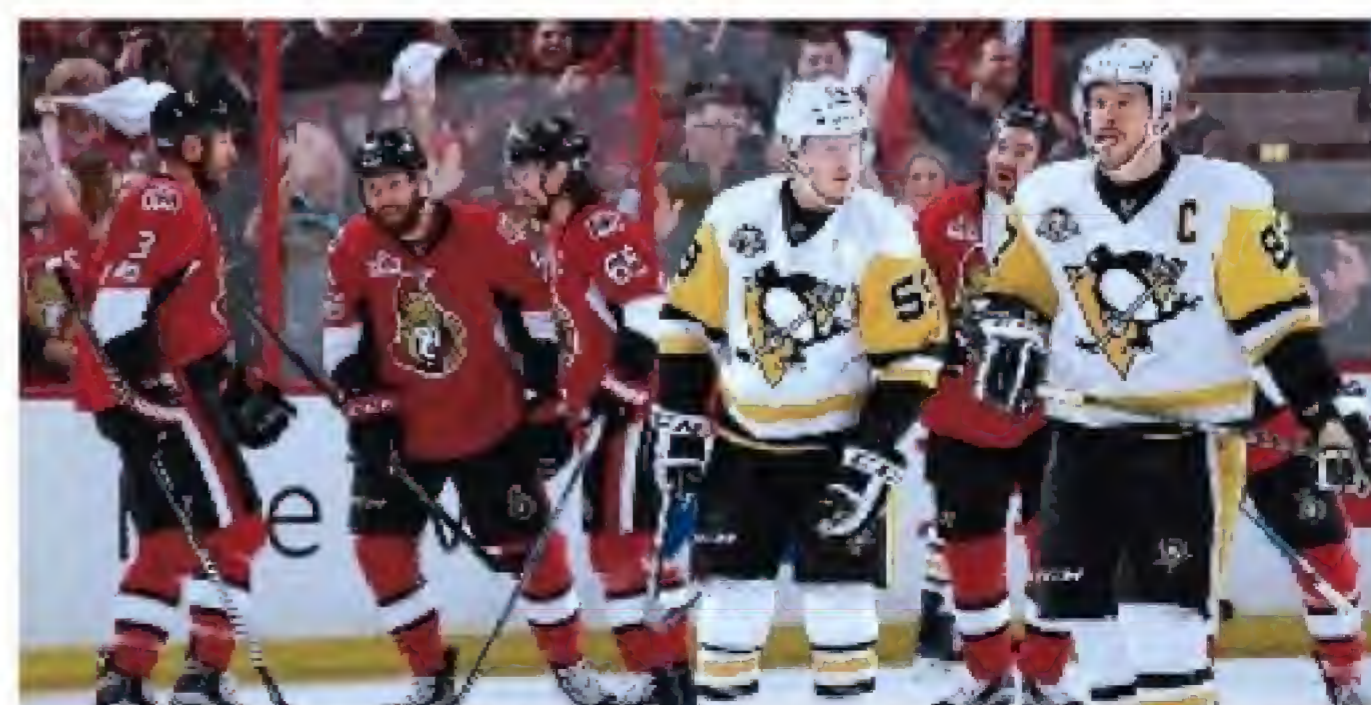
**2017 NHL PLAYOFFS**  
**SENATORS LEAD SERIES 2-1**

Zack Smith also scored and Bobby Ryan had two helpers for Ottawa, who suddenly has the

upper hand in a series most expected to go the Penguins way.

Sidney Crosby had the lone marker for Pittsburgh, which has scored only three goals all series. Fleury gave up four on nine shots and was replaced by Matt Murray, who made 19 saves.

Hosting their first Eastern Conference final game in 10 years, the Sens came out flying and scored after only 48 seconds. Hoffman got it by capitalizing on a Turris shot that bounced awkwardly wide of the goal, standing to the left of the goal, just between the post and right pad of Fleury. THE CANADIAN PRESS



**The Penguins feel behind big early in Game 3 and couldn't recover in Kanata, Ont.**

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

# Hearty Panzanella Salad



PHOTO: KATYA VIGNETI

**Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh**  
For Metro Canada



1/2 Tbsp dijon mustard  
• salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**

1. Toss the first seven ingredients in your salad bowl first so that everything is evenly distributed.
2. Whisk together the last four ingredients in a small bowl until they are well combine.
3. There will be more dressing than you need, but you'll need more than you'd use for a regular salad as the bread will drink it up. Keep adding the dressing and tossing and tasting. You want to the bread to be moist and soften but not drowned by the dressing.

This hearty salad is delicious on its own, but feel free to make it into a more complete meal by topping it with chopped rotisserie chicken.

**Ready in 15 minutes**

Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cooking time: 5 minutes

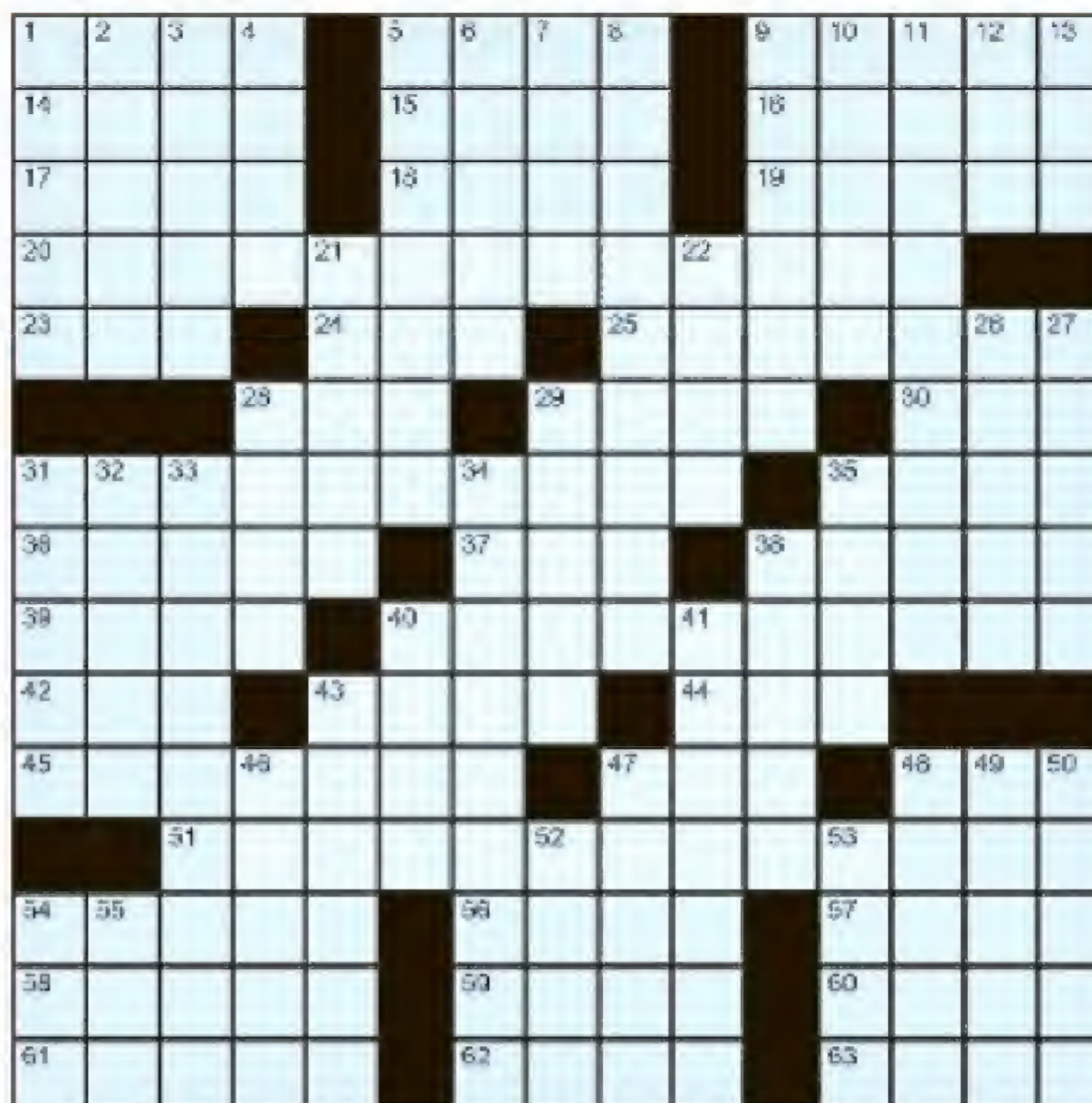
**Ingredients**

- 4 cups of slightly stale crusty bread, like baguette
- 4 tomatoes roughly chopped
- 1 cucumber peeled and roughly chopped
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1/2 red onion finely sliced or chopped
- 1/2 cup pitted black olives
- 1/2 cup or so of shaved parmesan
- 1 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 red wine vinegar

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**ACROSS**

1. Bird's crop
5. Shania Twain trophy, e.g.
9. Leg bone
14. Toy building block
15. Repenter
16. Stop!, in sailing
17. Finito
18. Env. info
19. Ceremonies
20. Ontario: \_\_ Corners (Uniquely-named hamlet in Wilmot Township which is in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo)
23. Arrange
24. The Honourable Dr. Vivienne \_\_ retired Canadian Senator
25. Garden chore
28. Mr. Wheaton
29. Love letter's envelope letters
30. "Golly,"
31. Container for Canadian dairy brand Sealtest: 2 wds.
35. \_\_ upswing
36. Mr. Sharif's
37. War on Poverty agoy.
38. Shipping container
39. "It's my turn": 2 wds.
40. Where to find deals on pre-owned vehicles: 2 wds.
42. Cleaning cloth
43. Baking meas.
44. Bean and Cool J
45. One sticking to the rules
47. Movies composer Francis
48. Air travel over-

seer [acronym]  
51. They cascade across the way in New York from Canada at Niagara: 2 wds.  
54. "Like a Rolling Stone" \_\_ Dylan  
56. Phyllis Diller's husband's name from her stand-up act

57. See
58. Actor Nick
59. Lake, in Italy
60. Horse part
61. Once \_\_ (Every seven days)
62. Vigour [abbr.]
63. Goulash

**DOWN**

1. Horseshoes-on-cobblestones noises
2. Variety show
3. Insurance \_\_
4. Employment
5. Crayons creator
6. Jim of Blue Rodeo
7. Beatles' "Love

8. Vulcan County village in Alberta that's south-east of Calgary
9. Herb \_\_ (TV character who wore loud suits)
10. Foliaged, as stone walls
11. Gotham City Police

Department searchlight to summon The Dark Knight  
12. "Expert" suffix  
13. Cadillac \_\_ Sedan  
21. Sagas  
22. Mr. Cain  
26. "Swell!"  
27. Jean \_\_ (The Balcony dramatist)  
28. Cincinnati radio station for #9-Down  
29. Heighty, as a hill  
31. Ms. Shearer of "The Red Shoes" (1948)  
32. Fuming one's statement: 2 wds.  
33. Funny  
34. Complained-about Canadian-manufactured infantry firearm of WWI: 2 wds.  
35. Bruins legend Bobby's  
38. San Diego's I'll state  
40. Taxi alternative service  
41. Loud noisiness, States-style  
43. "Jeopardy!" host Alex  
46. Theatrically overact  
47. Actress, Jessica \_\_  
48. Parade route display  
49. Solo  
50. Awry  
52. James of "Misery" (1990)  
53. Donations  
54. Passed in 1867, it made Canada [acronym]  
55. "Ouch!"

## \* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Be prepared to act on an unexpected opportunity in publishing, the media, medicine, the law or anything to do with training and higher education. You will have to act quickly.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You might see new and innovative ways to approach an inheritance or shared property. Be open. The rigid tree is the first to snap in a storm.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
Difficulties in partnerships and close friendships suddenly might reveal a solution or a way to feel more free. Whatever presents itself will have a brief window of opportunity.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
New ideas that are imaginative and original might help you at work. Similarly, new ideas also might give you a boost to your health. Keep an open mind (but not so open that everything falls out).

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
A new approach to working with children might arise now. Whatever happens will be a welcome change.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
You might see new ways to make improvements where you live. You might even decide to move to a new place. It's possible that family news will surprise you.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
A surprise opportunity to change jobs or residences might fall in your lap. If so, be ready to act quickly, because the window of opportunity is brief.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You might see improved and innovative ideas about how to earn money. You might improve your current job or get a better job — who knows?

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You are pumped with enthusiasm because you see a way to make a breakthrough in a new area that you are exploring. Something definitely will expand your world, and it's exciting!

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
After giving up so much for others, you are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel. Something ahead looks promising!

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
New friends and contacts with groups and organizations might change your world. You will expand it in a way that makes you feel more in touch with how things are done.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
Surprise opportunities that can help you in your career are now at hand. Don't hesitate to take them. (You might not get a second chance.)

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